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The following is a summary of information on Soviet military activities, received prior to 13 June 1955:

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A. General:

The strength and disposition of most Soviet units remained unchanged. Additional weapons and vehicles arrived from the USSR.

B. Army and Corps Activities:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

Eighth Guards Mechanized Division: From 1 to 3 June, elements of the division from Leipzig and a tank regiment from Borna were probably stationed in Koenigsbrueck. On 4 June, the Grimma post appeared to be occupied to capacity. On 23 May, an engineer battalion engaged in exercises on the Mulde river south of Grimma.

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. **First Mechanized Division:** From 25 May to 5 June, artillery units which had arrived at Forst Zinna in four shipments held firing exercises there.
- b. **Ninth Guards Mechanized Division:** On 7 June, heavy tank and artillery elements were absent from the Neustrelitz post.

3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. **Headquarters:** There was no change prior to 2 June.
- b. **Ninth Mechanized Division:** On 31 May, the Luebben post was occupied to capacity. On 2 June, the heavy tank and SP Regiment was still stationed in its barracks north of Drachhausen. On 3 June, the summer camp at Forst Tauer was vacant, and no preparatory measures for occupation had been taken.

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4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. Sixth Guards Mechanized Division and Seventy-First Light Artillery Brigade: In late May, the units held exercises near the post. On 9 June, a tank detail returned from Templin to Berlin-Biesdorf.
- b. Seventh Guards Mechanized Division: On 3 June, the summer camp at Lieberose was vacant, and all maintenance work had been put aside. On 4 June, the stations at Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde were occupied to capacity, and tank practices were held near the posts. From 31 May to 3 June, a firing detail of the mechanized regiment from Berlin-Karlshorst was observed at Justerbog.
- c. Tenth Guards Tank Divisions: Night practices were held at the posts on 4 June; three T-54's moved from Templin to Satzkorn.

5. Third Shock Army:

- a. 207th Rifle Division: On 6 June, heavy elements, including an engineer battalion from Stendal, were observed at Letzling Heath.
- b. 94th Guards Rifle Division: On 3 June, Schwerin and Wismar were occupied to capacity.

6. Eighth Guards Army:

- a. 39th Guards Rifle Division: On 3 and 6 June, the rifle regiments in Meiningen and Plauen were found at their posts. On 6 June, the gun artillery regiment was absent from Plauen; there were rumors that it had been permanently transferred to Glauchau.
- b. Twentieth Guards Mechanized Division: On 2 June, elements from Weimar and Jena were seen in Ohrdruf; the post training ground north of Jena was being enlarged. On 3 June, most units were absent from Zeitz; they were presumably still stationed in the Forst Zeitz training area.
- c. 57th Guards Rifle Division: On 4 June, the rifle regiment from Weissenfels was stationed at Kindel, while the tank and SP regiment was apparently present at its post. In late May, the Gotha post was occupied to capacity.

7. Fourth Artillery Corps:

32nd AAA Division: Prior to 4 June, elements from Frankfurt/Oder practiced firing at towed-sleeve targets in the Forst Zinna area.

C. Engineer Activities:1. Dessau-Aken:

An unidentified engineer unit was observed in the Dessau-Aken training area. It had presumably been there since 15 May.

2. Rathenow:

On 1 June, an engineer column consisting of 35 trucks, with the load including twenty pontoons, went by road from the direction of Berlin through Rathenow toward the west.

3. Oranienburg:

On 2 June, two shipments with engineer units passed through Oranienburg toward the south.

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4. Bittkau:

On 7 and 8 June engineer units of the Fourth Guards Mechanized Army, after having stayed in the Bittkau area since 3 May, returned to their posts, with two shipments going to Eberswalde, two to Bernau, one to Fuerstenwalde, and one to Satz Korn.

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D. Arrivals from Brest-Litovsk:1. To Forst Zinna:

On 4 June, 22 tanks, presumably T-54's

2. To Koenigsbrueck:

On 7 June, eight tanks, presumably T-54's,

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3. To Frankfurt/Oder:

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On 8 June, one shipment allegedly with fifty 85-mm (?) anti-aircraft guns and one shipment with ten armored personnel carriers and about 150 anti-tank guns, allegedly of 45-mm caliber. On 4 June, one shipment with sixty tank cars.

4. Toward Cottbus:

On 2 June, 14 half-track vehicles from Frankfurt/Oder.

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